

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0032], with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0032] Referring now to Figure 2, there is shown another embodiment of the tap of the invention also in upright position. The tap of Figure 2 will be described only as far as it is distinguished from the tap of the Figure 1 embodiment. First, in Figure 2 the neck end of the cylinder C is shown in which the tap body root end portion 50 is engaged. A modified secondary check valve 60 is mounted in an open ended sleeve tube or retention member 62 fixedly secured to the lower reduced diameter section 50a of the root end portion 50. The check valve 60 comprises a tubular piston element 64 ~~that has~~ provided with a piston skirt having a lower open end 64-1, and The check valve 60 further has a reduced diameter closed upper end or piston head 64-2 urged against a seat surface at the lower end of the reduced diameter section 50a by a helical cylindrical spring 67 surrounding the tubular piston element 64 between spring seating surfaces provided on an inwardly extending annular shoulder 69 of the sleeve tube 62 and an outwardly extending annular flange 68 of the tubular piston element 64. The piston element 64 is guided for axial movement in the sleeve tube 62 by the annular piston flange 68 and the sleeve tube annular shoulder 69. The piston element 64 has between the closed upper end 64-2 and the annular flange 68 a plurality of orifices 66 placing the interior of the piston element 64 in communication with the exterior thereof below the reduced diameter closed upper end 64-2 thereof. The sleeve tube 62 has at its lower end an internal thread 62-1 for connecting a plunger tube (not shown) thereto. A sealing ring is disposed in an annular groove of the annular flange 68 of the tubular piston element 64.